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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: ENERGY CONFERENCE

1. THE MAJOR LEFTIST DAILY TA KUNG PAO FEBRUARY 16 COMMENTED THAT THE RECENT 13-NATION ENERGY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON LEFT SEVERAL QUESTIONS:

2. WHETHER THE UNITY OF THE NINE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES, WHOSE FOREIGN POLICY LINES SHOWS OBVIOUS DISAGREEMENT ON THE OIL QUESTION, WILL BE AFFECTED;

3. WHAT CHANGE THERE WILL BE IN U.S. POLICY ON WESTERN EUROPE, WHETHER IT WILL BE DEALING WITH THE NINE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE OR DISCARD FRANCE WHILE INCREASING ITS EFFORTS TO WIN OVER THE OTHERS;

4. HOW THE ARAB COUNTRIES WILL HANDLE THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES, WHETHER THEY WILL GO ON SIGNING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS OR DEAL WITH THE UNITED FRONT OF THE CONSUMING NATIONS, OR DO BOTH.

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5. WHAT ATTITUDES THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL TAKE IN THE U.N. CONFERENCE WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE IN EARLY MARCH.

6. THE LEFTIST CHING PO FEB. 17 CLAIMED THAT IN CALLING THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE THE U.S. AIMED TO:

7. STRENGTHEN ITS CONTROL OVER WESTERN EUROPE;

8. DEFEND ITS OIL INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, LEST THE METHODS OF "EMBARGO" AND "NATIONALIZATION" SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY AFRICAN

AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, RESULTING IN SERIOUS LOSSES TO AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES.

9. TWO RIGHTWING PAPERS REMARKED ON THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. SING TAO JIH PAO FEB. 16 SAID IT LED TO A NEW CRISIS -- POLITICAL DISUNITY AMONG WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. KUNG SHEUNG DAILY NEWS SAW FRANCE AS EMERGING FROM THE CONFERENCE ISOLATED. BOTH WERE CRITICAL OF FRANCE.
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